

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. Claim Objections

Claims 31-33 and 45 were objected to in the outstanding office action. The subject matter of claims 31 and 32 is incorporated into claim 33 and the informalities identified in the office action are not represented in amended claim 33.

Concerning claim 45, this claim is presently canceled.

In view of these amendments, removal of the claim objections is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of Claims 33, 56 and 57 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 33 is presently amended by the removal of the word "substantially" in reference to the detachment of the end portion of the corner piece. Moreover, this claim is also amended by reciting that the at least one locking element is detached from --an end portion of-- of the corner piece.

Claim 56 is amended to make the description of the resilient element clearer. More specifically, the resilient element is now defined as comprising the first leg of the insert part and a connecting leg that is situated in the extension of the first leg. The connecting leg connects the end portion with the connecting end of the insert part. Support this amendatory language is found in the written description on page 11, first full paragraph of the substitute specification.

Claim 57 depends from claim 56 is rejected based on its dependency from claim 56.

In view of these amendments, it is submitted that claims 33, 56 and 57 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

3. In the Claims

The claims have been amended to be placed in allowable condition. In the office action, claims 36, 39, 53, 54 and 55 were allowed. Claims 49, 50 and 59 were considered to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 56 and 57 were considered to also recite allowable subject matter and would be allowed if amended to overcome the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112. Likewise, claim 33 was considered to recite allowable subject matter and would be allowed if amended to overcome the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112 and incorporate the subject matter of the claims from which it depends.

Applicant provides below a claim concordance chart which lists the amendments to the pending claims. The currently canceled claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Pending Claim	Status	Amendment
29	Canceled	
30	Canceled	
31	Canceled	
32	Canceled	
33	Amended	Subject matter of claims 31, 32
34	Amended	Made dependent from claim 33
35	Canceled	
36	Unchanged	
37	Canceled	
38	Canceled	
39	Unchanged	

40	Canceled	
41	Canceled	
42	Canceled	
43	Canceled	
44	Canceled	
45	Canceled	
46	Canceled	
47	Canceled	
48	Canceled	
49	Amended	Subject matter of claim 29
50	Unchanged	
51	Canceled	
52	Canceled	
53	Unchanged	
54	Unchanged	
55	Unchanged	
56	Amended	Subject matter described on page 11, first full paragraph of substitute specification
57	Unchanged	
58	Canceled	
59	Amended	Subject matter of claim 31
60	New	Includes subject matter of claim 30 and depends from claim 36
61	New	Includes subject matter of claim 35 and depends from claim 36

62	New	Includes subject matter of claim 45 and depends from claim 56
63	New	Includes subject matter of claim 46 and depends from claim 56
64	New	Includes subject matter of claim 47 and depends from claim 56
65	New	Includes subject matter of claim 48 and depends from claim 56

In view of amending the claims so that each recites subject matter that was considered allowable by the examiner, it is submitted that the rejections of the claims based on prior art references is moot. Thus, due to the amendment of the claims, withdrawal of the prior art rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

4. Conclusion

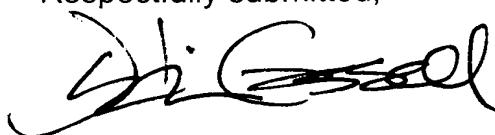
In view of the amendment of the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the pending claims be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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